

**BURIEN BUSINESS AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (BEDP)
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: January 11, 2008

Time: 7-8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Harvey Aulgur, Rick Cosgrave, Nancy Damon, David Elliott, Bob Ewing, Geri Fain, Kevin Fitz, Michael Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Karen Lautermilch, Mark Minium, Doug Moreland, Jane Voget

Excused Absentees: Mary Averett

Staff: Mike Martin, City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager; Janet Stallman, Department Assistant, City Manager Office

Guests: Councilmember Kathy Keene

Call to Order: Meeting opened at 7:00 a.m. by Kevin Fitz, Chair

Minutes: The Minutes from December 7, 2007 were approved as written.

Chair's Report – Kevin Fitz

Kevin thanked Doug Moreland for testifying on behalf of the BEDP at Council's December 17 meeting where he recommended inclusion of retail in the Northeast Redevelopment Area. Kevin mentioned that small investors in downtown are making a difference in improving Burien as well as large investors. He also noted interest in the Port of Seattle's State audit results.

City Manager's Report – Mike Martin

The Legislative Session starts Monday. We have several items we will be keeping our eyes on, including subsidized housing for teachers, \$500,000 funding for master planning of the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) and \$1.5 million to help relocate Highline West Seattle Mental Health to their new Burien campus on Ambaum Boulevard.

Federal level asks include \$5 million for assistance in redeveloping NERA in partnership with the Port of Seattle, and possible funding for additional on/off ramps for Highway 518.

Mike is working with Seattle City Light regarding the 4.5 acres near Kennedy High School on which the City would like to put a soccer field. The RFQ for the Master Plan for NERA has been advertised.

Mike mentioned that annexation will be coming up for discussion again soon. The City was asked by King County to participate in mediation with Seattle, SeaTac, and Tukwila. Seattle has stated that they want to wait until after the legislative session before they mediate, while they advance a bill to get sales tax credit if they were to annex North Highline.

B&O tax returns will be down slightly for the City of Burien in 2008. Some cities have added other taxes, e.g. for square footage, in order to recoup losses they will experience due to the Model B&O tax, which was required to be adopted by the legislature. The Burien City Council chose not to add any additional taxes to recoup losses.

Mike gave a brief overview of the raw data received back from the Community Phone Survey.

Economic Development Manager Report – Dick Loman

Dick reported that the Grand Opening of the Bartell Drug Store in Burien is January 30th. Westbild is planning a facelift of the entire Redwood Center. There is 140,000 SF of retail at that site.

There have been two meetings regarding the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) with the City/County staff and the two finalist development firms.

\$2.8 million dollars came back to the City from the final closing on Town Square property. All risk capital has now come back to the City.

Discover Burien Report – Doug Moreland

No report today.

The City of Burien Retreat Discussion

Mike presented an overview of the process that the City of Burien staff organization just went through to come up with its' Vision Statement & Values to give an example of how this group might think about their Vision. He reviewed the feedback that had been provided by members at the last meeting in regard to what they thought their role was. Mike asked the group to think about what is their work product. There was concern expressed that there isn't enough awareness about the group. The group continues to discuss and work on these issues.

Future Agenda

Continue discussion on vision and future work product, as well as 2008 work program.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 a.m.